

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The claims have been amended by deleting claims 1 and 11; amending claims 2 and 12 by rewriting them in independent form, amending claims 7, 8, 14, 16 and 17. Claims 4, 5, 6, 9-10, 13, 15, 18 and 19 are unchanged. Claims 2-10, 12-19 are pending in the application.

Summary of Telephone interview

The undersigned appreciated the opportunity to speak with the examiner on January 21, 2005 to clarify the office action. The objection to claim 2 was discussed. As discussed the "index value L" does not appear in claim 2, as such this objection to claim 2 was not appropriate and no correction to the claim is required.

Remarks

Claim 2 has been rewritten with the limitations of all intervening claims and therefore it is submitted that claim 2 is allowable. Also, since claims 3-6 depend from amended claim 2 then claims 3-6 should also now be in condition for allowance. The examiner has objected to claim 12, but will allow this claim if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 12 has been rewritten with the limitations of all intervening claims and therefore it is submitted that claim 12 is allowable. Also, since claims 13-16 depend from allowable claim 12 then claims 13-16 should also be allowable without being rewritten in independent form.

Claims 1, 7 and 11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Belize in view of Napolitano.

Claim 1 and 11 have been deleted and claim 7 now depends from claim 2. It is submitted that amended claim 7 is also now in condition for allowance.

Claims 8-10, 17 -19 are objected to since, as stated by the examiner, "the value of index value L is not defined. Claims 8 and 17 have been amended to include "L is the number of symbol intervals". Support of this amendment is at page 7, lines 21-22. Hence, the definition of L has been defined and therefore the objection no longer applies.

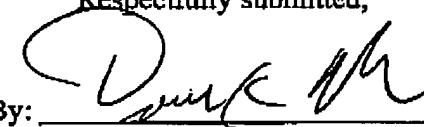
In view of the above, this application is believed to be in proper form for allowance and an early notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

Please charge any fees associated herewith, including extension of time fees, to 502117.

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